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The above-entitled matter came on for a prehearing
conference pursuant to notice, at 9:58 a.m.

BEFORE:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:58 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN BLAIR: Good morning, everyone.

This is a prehearing conference in
Docket Number MC-2006-7 considering a request by the
United States Postal Service to establish
classification and fees for premium stamped stationery
and premium stamped cards.

I'm Dan Blair, chairman of the Postal
Regulatory Commission, and with me this morning are
Vice Chairman Don Tisdale and Commissioners Mark Acton
and Tony Hammond.

At this point, I would like counsel to
identify themselves for the record. United States
Postal Service?

MR. REITER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
Commissioners. I'm Scott Reiter appearing on behalf
of the United States Postal Service.

CHAIRMAN BLAIR: Good morning, Scott.

MR. RICHARDSON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.
I'm Kenneth E. Richardson appearing on behalf of the
Office of the Consumer Advocate, and with me is
Shelley S. Dreifuss, director of the Office of the
Consumer Advocate.

CHAIRMAN BLAIR: Is there anyone that I have

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1 missed? Douglas Carlson? David Popkin?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: With that, thank you very
4 much.

5 The Postal Service, as settlement
6 coordinator, has filed two reports on the status of
7 settlement negotiations. As I understand it, all
8 participants have participated and concur in the
9 statements contained in the second status report.

10 Mr. Reiter, is this correct?

11 MR. REITER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: And the second status
13 report proposes a procedural schedule that allows for
14 the possibility of a full or partial settlement. Does
15 any participant wish to comment on the procedural
16 schedule at this time?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: The Commission will accept
19 the procedural schedule proposed by the participants.
20 Discovery in this case, including follow-up, will
21 conclude April 19th. The initial briefs are due May
22 4th, and the reply briefs are due May 14th.

23 Does any participant have any additional
24 matter to raise at this time?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: In reviewing the papers
2 prepared in advance and in the briefing today, one
3 item that the commissioners brought up in discussion
4 was the concept of applying the Forever Stamp idea to
5 the stamped stationery, and I didn't know if the
6 Postal Service or other participants have considered
7 that idea yet or not.

8 MR. REITER: Could you elaborate on that a
9 little bit, Mr. Chairman?

10 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: That the stamped stationery
11 has a denominated value, in that once stamp prices go
12 up in the future, you would have to go and buy
13 supplemental postage, and the idea would be to apply
14 the Forever Stamp concept to this kind of prestamped
15 stationery that would allow it to stay good into the
16 future. I didn't know if that had been part of the
17 discussions yet or not.

18 MR. REITER: It hadn't, but I will raise
19 that within the Postal Service. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: Thank you. Commissioners,
21 any comment?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN BLAIR: At this point, again, we've
24 announced the procedural schedule, and following no
25 further comment, this prehearing conference is

1 adjourned.

2 (Whereupon, at 10:02 a.m., the prehearing
3 conference in the above-entitled matter was
4 concluded.)

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately on the tapes and notes reported by me at the hearing in the above case before the Postal Regulatory Commission.

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